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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BETRISEY ET AL.

Examiner

Thomas D. Lee

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16-20 and 22-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office action is responsive to applicant's amendment filed December 5, 2005. Claims 1-24 are pending.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on December 5, 2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent 6,738,526 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see page 8 of amendment, filed December 5, 2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-24 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, and claims 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of newly cited prior art, as set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

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only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 15 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,417,861 (Deering et al.).

Regarding claim 15, Deering et al. disclose a method of processing image data, comprising: sampling an image to generate a plurality of alpha values (multiple samples obtained for each pixel (column 13, lines 54-67; Figs. 5A and 5B), each sample consisting of an alpha value (Figs. 6 and 7: note Super-Sampled Sample Buffer 162)); and filtering the alpha values to generate multiple filtered alpha values per pixel (samples filtered by multiplying sample components (including alpha) with a filter value (column 16, lines 16-36); multiple samplings per pixel inherently results in multiple filtered alpha values per pixel).

Claim 21 recites the method steps of claim 15, implemented by computer executable instructions carried by a computer program product comprising one or more computer readable media. Deering et al. disclose a computer system (Fig. 1) comprising a graphics system (Figs. 2 and 3) that implements the sampling and filtering steps mentioned above. Also provided is a system memory that communicates with the CPU of the computer system (column 8, lines 31-37), and thus is computer readable media enabling the graphics system within the computer system to perform the above-mentioned sampling and filtering steps.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-14 are allowed.

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7. Claims 16-20 and 22-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: No prior art has been found to disclose or suggest filtering a set of alpha values to generate a set of filtered pixel sub-component alpha values including at least one filtered alpha value for each pixel sub-component used to represent one or more glyphs, as recited in base claims 1, 7 and 11; or storing filtered alpha values in a glyph cache as part of a character glyph, in combination with sampling and filtering steps of base claim 15, as recited in dependent claims 16 and 22; or wherein the filtering of base claim 15 produces red, green and blue filtered pixel sub-component alpha values for each alpha value used to represent the image, as recited in dependent claim 19; or generating each filtered alpha value, from multiple alpha values generated by the sampling of base claim 15, one filtered alpha value being generated for each sub-component of a pixel, as recited in dependent claim 20.

Conclusion

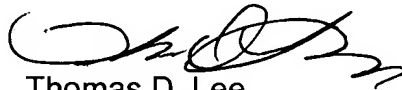
9. In view of new grounds for rejection not necessitated by amendment, this Office action is non-final.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas D. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7436. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30-5:00, alternate Fridays off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore can be reached on (571) 272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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